## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|-------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|------------|------------------|---|---|--|----------------|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person – CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC |                         | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX] |   |           |  |            |                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer (Check all applicable) DirectorX10% Owner   |   |  |                |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>2365 CARILLON POINT                |                         |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>06/04/2008 |           |  |            |                  |   | Officer (give title<br>below)                                   | _X_ 10% O                              | specify below) |
| (Street) KIRKLAND, WA 98033                                   |                         | 4. If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)               |   |           |  |            |                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)Form filed by One Reporting Person |   |  |                |
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| 1 Title of Counity  | 2 Transaction           | 2A F  |   | Non-De    | riva   |            |                  | Acqui   | 5. Amount of  |  | 7. Nature      |
| (Month/Day/Year) any  |                         | tion Date, if   | Transaction<br>Code   |           | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            | D)               | Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported  | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                          | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                |
|   |                         |   |   | Code      | v  | Amount     | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                              | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)             | (Instr. 4)     |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 1,100      | D                | \$<br>3.32  | 974,124   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 2          | D                | \$<br>3.31  | 974,122   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 17,632     | D                | \$ 3.3  | 956,490   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 11,266     | D                | \$<br>3.29  | 945,224   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 400        | D                | \$<br>3.265   | 944,824   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 9,600      | D                | \$<br>3.26  | 935,224   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 5,200      | D                | \$<br>3.25  | 930,024   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 976        | D                | \$<br>3.245   | 929,048   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 57,492     | D                | \$<br>3.24  | 871,556   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 900        | D                | \$<br>3.235   | 870,656   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 39,756     | D                | \$<br>3.23  | 830,900   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 100        | D                | \$<br>3.225   | 830,800   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 37,376     | D                | \$<br>3.22  | 793,424   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 71,140     | D                | \$<br>3.21  | 722,284   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 700        | D                | \$<br>3.205   |   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 73,058     | D                | \$ 3.2  | 648,526   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 500        | D                | 3.195   | 648,026   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 19,445     | D                | 3.19  | 628,581   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 26,657     | D                | 3.18  | 601,924   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 600        | D                | \$<br>3.175   | 601,324   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 14,597     | D                | \$<br>3.17  | 586,727   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 1,024      | D                | \$<br>3.165   | 585,703   | D                                      |                |
| Common Stock  | 06/04/2008              |   |   | S         |  | 10,479     | D                | \$<br>3.16  | 575,224   | D                                      |                |
| Reminder: Report of<br>directly or indirectly                 | n a separate line for e | ach cla   | ss of securitie   | es benefi | cially   | y owned    |                  |   |   |  |                |
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7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) 10. 11. Nature
Ownership of Indirect
Form of Beneficial
Derivative Ownership
Security: (Instr. 4) e Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(: (Instr. 4) Security (Instr. 3) any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Expiratio Date Date Exercisabl

### **Reporting Owners**

| Donostino Ossa en Norse / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| CASCADE INVESTMENT LLC<br>2365 CARILLON POINT<br>KIRKLAND, WA 98033 |               | х         |         |       |  |  |
| GATES WILLIAM H III<br>ONE MICROSOFT WAY                            |               | X         |         |       |  |  |

| REDMOND, WA 98052   |            |
|---|------------|
| Signatures  |            |
| Cascade Investment, L.L.C. By: /s/ Michael Larson, Business Manager | 06/06/2008 |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

William H. Gates III By: /s/ Michael Larson\*, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

06/06/2008

Remarks:

\* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated February 3, 2006, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Cascade Investment, L.L.C.'s Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G with respect to Arch Capital Group Ltd. on March 7, 2006, SEC File No. 005-45257, and incorporated by reference herein.

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